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Chief of Police

NEWS RELEASE

June 23, 2011

Suspect arrested for abuse of animal

On June 18, 2011 at approximately 1325 hours the Bluffton Police Department responded to the 80 Baylor Drive, Publix parking lot, after receiving a 911 call from an individual who was witnessing the suspect abusing a dog.

The investigation into this incident revealed that the defendant, Shawn Basile, was upset with the dog for urinating on his child's clothing. Basile began striking the dog while it was inside the vehicle and then pulled it out of the vehicle and continued to striking the dog. Witnesses reported that the dog attempted to run away, however, Basile ran after the dog and dragged it back to the vehicle and struck it several more times. Several witnesses then approached Basile and told him to stop abusing the dog. One witness contacted 9-1-1 and officers responded to the scene. Basile left the scene, after police were contacted, and he was later found by Officers on a nearby trail. The dog, a 3 year old pitbull named "Lucy", did not suffer any injuries as a result of the incident. "Lucy" was transported to the Palmetto Animal League and was released to the custody of director Amy Campanini.

Basile was arrested on one count Animal Cruelty and one count of Public Disorderly Conduct. He was transported the Beaufort County Detention Center without incident.

ARRESTED



Shawn Patrick Basile
4 Lilac Lane
Bluffton, SC 29910
DOB: 02/07/1984

CHARGES

One count Animal Cruelty (Statute 47-01-0040 (a) / Misdemeanor)
Public Disorderly Conduct (Statute 16-17-530 / Misdemeanor)